From: REDACTED@gov.scot
Sent: 17 October 2018 09:57
To: REDACTED@gov.scot
Subject: RE: CALL: [Redacted]

Hi [Redacted]

Just to let you know, [Redacted] in my team will be dialling in instead as I've got a meeting at the same time.

Thanks

[Redacted]

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From: REDACTED@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** [Redacted]
Sent: 16 October 2018 14:59
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; Lloyd E (Elizabeth); Bowman K (Katy); REDACTED@gov.scot; REDACTED@gov.scot; First Minister; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: FW: CALL [Redacted]
When: 17 October 2018 14:00-15:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
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From: REDACTED@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** [Redacted]
Sent: 15 October 2018 15:27
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; Lloyd E (Elizabeth); Bowman K (Katy); REDACTED@gov.scot; REDACTED@gov.scot; First Minister; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
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From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 15 October 2018 15:23
To: 'firstminister@gov.scot'
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Dear [Redacted]

I'll send a meeting request now for a call on Wednesday at 2pm.

With very best wishes, [Redacted]

From: REDACTED@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** firstminister@gov.scot
Sent: 15 October 2018 15:10
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; firstminister@gov.scot
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

Could we go for 1400? That would suit me.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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Sent: 15 October 2018 13:22
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Good afternoon,

Could I suggest Wednesday

- 10.30-1130 or
- 1400-1500

Are either of these times OK for you?

With very best wishes,

[Redacted]
PA to [Redacted]
New Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London, W1 1AA
[Redacted]
REDACTED@bbc.co.uk

From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 12 October 2018 17:26
To: firstminister@gov.scot
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: Re: First Minister and BBC News

Hi

Thank you so much for the understanding – I will ask [Redacted], my PA, who is copied here, to find some time for us early next week.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes
[Redacted]

From: REDACTED@gov.scot on behalf of "firstminister@gov.scot" <firstminister@gov.scot>
Date: Friday, 12 October 2018 at 17:20
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk "firstminister@gov.scot" <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

I'm in the office all week, it's parliamentary recess, so let me know when suits and we can get it arranged.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 12 October 2018 16:24
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: Re: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

Please accept my apologies – I am interviewing all afternoon on Monday so cannot make the time you have suggested.

I am very keen to join the call so could you suggest any other times next week?

Many thanks and best wishes
[Redacted]

From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Date: Friday, 12 October 2018 at 10:21
To: "'firstminister@gov.scot'" <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

That would be great.

Can you send me and [Redacted] a meeting request for a time which suits you?

[Redacted]

From: REDACTED@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** firstminister@gov.scot
Sent: 12 October 2018 10:20
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk firstminister@gov.scot
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

Apologies for not getting back to you sooner, work travel and leave means that I have not been in the office much this week.

Would you be available on Monday afternoon for the call? I am in the office then so whenever suits you best.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]
[Redacted] [Redacted]
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From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 05 October 2018 12:47
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

Just picking up on the conversation about the First Minister's attendance at the Opening of News Xchange.

Are you able to let me know a convenient time for you to talk with myself and my colleague [Redacted]?

[Redacted]

From: REDACTED@ gov.scot **On Behalf Of** firstminister@gov.scot
Sent: 20 September 2018 09:55
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

Apologies, something urgent has come up so I am not able to take your call this morning.

Will be in touch as soon as I can re-arrange!

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]**Office of the First Minister**
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From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 20 September 2018 09:39
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

Are you ok if I give you a quick call in 20 mins please?

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: REDACTED@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** firstminister@gov.scot
Sent: 18 September 2018 17:03
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; firstminister@gov.scot
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

[Redacted] has moved on from this office but I will happily help take forward arrangements for the event. I can confirm that it is still in the diary for the evening of 13th November.

How about we have a chat on Thursday morning and I can be brought up to speed on this and help begin to make the necessary arrangements?

Many thanks,

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 18 September 2018 16:50
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

Really looking forward to having the First Minister open the conference.

Would it make sense if we had a quick call over the phone at a convenient time?

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 18 September 2018 16:33
To: 'firstminister@gov.scot'
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

I hope all's well with you. I'm introducing you via email to my colleague [Redacted], who is looking after all our arrangements for the Edinburgh conference in November. We are very much hoping that the First Minister is still free to join us on the evening of Tuesday 13th, as we welcome news broadcasters from all over the world to Edinburgh.
[Redacted] will follow up with all the details.

All the best,
[Redacted]

From: REDACTED@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** firstminister@gov.scot
Sent: 26 February 2018 15:12
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; firstminister@gov.scot
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi [Redacted]

Absolutely no issues with Tuesday 13th November – I'll block that out in the FM's diary just now and we can touch base closer to the time.

Many thanks

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Private Office to the First Minister
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From: Lloyd (Elizabeth)
Sent: 26 February 2018 12:19
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

[Redacted]
I've copied FM's Private Office into this. They were holding the Wednesday for you, though Tuesday's are normally better for us.

[redacted] in Private Office will come back to you and confirm what's possible.

The outline of the event seems ok to me if he can make the times work.

Best

Liz

Elizabeth Lloyd
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[Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted]
Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot

From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 26 February 2018 12:08
To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth)
Cc: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

Hi Liz

I'm getting back to you with an update on our invitation for the First Minister to address the delegates at the News Xchange conference in Edinburgh. I'm sorry for the delay, and thanks for your patience.

We have crunched through all sorts of options on venues and speakers, and we think we have an improved plan. Would the FM be available to come to the opening reception, on Tuesday 13 November at the National Museum of Scotland? The format of the evening would be a welcome from the BBC, the European Broadcasting Union and the FM on behalf of Scotland itself. It would be a drinks and canapés event.

I plan to ask Sarah Smith to act as the host for the event (she's not aware just yet). She would introduce two speakers – the FM, and the director General of the EBU, a guy called Noel Curran. Tony Hall will be speaking in the event itself the following day but will be at the reception and would be there to accompany the FM.

We'd hope that the FM would give a warm welcome to Edinburgh, but also to touch briefly on her views about the importance of public service media, and perhaps the challenges/opportunities of the growth of social media etc. That's not to put words into her mouth, obviously, but merely an indicator. We will be meeting at a key time, a few months before Brexit, which is a concern for many delegates but not all – they are drawn from around the world.

The most important thing to establish right now is whether that Tuesday evening is viable from the point of view of the FM's diary. The invitation is 1830-2100, and I'd expect us to be doing the speeches at around 1930. So, the FM may well be clear by 1945 or so if she has a need to get away. I appreciate we had talked about the Wednesday, so please let me know if the change is workable.

I have copied a colleague into this note. Please meet by email [Redacted], who is the [Redacted], and is working with me on all the planning for the event. If helpful, we'd be more than happy to book a call to discuss, and we are likely to be on a site visit to Edinburgh on June 11th if a pre-meet would help.

Hope all's well.

All the best,
[Redacted]

From: Elizabeth.lloyd@gov.scot [mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot]
Sent: 19 January 2018 10:34
To: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Subject: RE: First Minister and BBC News

[Redacted]

Good to hear from you. [Redacted]

The event sounds quite significant. Thank you for choosing Scotland.

I am sure we can arrange some sort of reception and some words from FM. One issue which I can't personally resolve is that ministers are not able to book Holyrood but I can put your organiser in contact with an MSP who could take care of that side of the arrangements. How many would it be? I'm assuming quite a lot so you'd be after the main Garden Lobby Space - which would also mean you'd have to be open to all MSPs as well.

As an alternative - if you're not already using the Castle for a dinner or event - FM is able to arrange for events in the Great Hall. I've no idea if it's booked that night or not, but if that appeals we can look into it.

Let me know - and let me know who the organiser is at your end - and we can connect them with the right people either end and step back from it ourselves.

Best wishes

Liz

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From: REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk; REDACTED@bbc.co.uk
Sent: 18 January 2018 17:11
To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth)
Subject: First Minister and BBC News

Hi Liz

I hope all is well with you.

I wanted to raise two things with you – initially by email but I'm happy to meet or call if more helpful.

First, there is an annual conference of the world's major news broadcasters every year called News Xchange. It moves around year-by-year and is hosted by a different broadcaster. This year, the BBC will be the host broadcaster, and we are holding the event in Edinburgh (at the EICC). It falls on Wed 14th and Thu 15th November. There are about 650-700 delegates drawn from all over the world – all the major European public service broadcasters, the major American news networks including CNN, delegates from Australia, Japan, China, many from Africa, the Middle East etc. The main news agencies are there, and we have an increasing presence from social media including Twitter, Facebook, Buzzfeed etc. Most of the attendees are at Director of News/Editor-in-Chief level, with deputies and associates.

In bringing the conference to the UK for the first time, we thought long and hard about the city to choose. In the end it came down to a shortlist of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester. We selected Edinburgh mainly because of its allure to international visitors, but also its facilities – the conference centre, the castle, good hotels – and options for corporate events such as the Royal Yacht. Early reaction when we announced the venue was extremely positive.

The conference takes place a few months before Brexit, in a part of the UK that voted to remain. And we meet just after the US midterms. This isn't a political conference as such – almost everyone

there is an impartial broadcaster – but covering politics is a big theme, as is attracting youth audiences, developing technology, and working effectively in oppressive regimes such as Turkey or India.

On the Wednesday evening, it's traditional for us to have a drinks reception which has a few words from a prominent public figure. We've had the Crown Prince of Denmark, the Prime Minister of Malta when the conference has been local to them. We would very much like to invite the First Minister to address the delegates this year. And, we'd like to do the whole thing at Holyrood if that's possible. This is not an appeal for you to pay for it by the way. It's commercially funded – and there's no cost to the licence fee payer either! We're not looking for anything very long or particularly partisan – but her presence would give us the most important political voice in Scotland, hopefully in the Parliament building if that's possible.

Could we discuss whether that's something you'd be happy to engage with?

[redacted]

All the best,
[Redacted]